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PUBLIC FORUM HIGHLIGHTS HISTORY CONFERENCE

LOWELL, MA. - The first Lowell Conference On Industrial History will be held May 8-9 at the University of Lowell. The conference theme, "The Social Impacts of Industrialization," will be discussed by leading historians from around the country, focusing on labor, immigration, women and industrialization, and comparative aspects of the Industrial Revolution in Europe and America.

Highlighting the conference is a public forum scheduled for Friday evening, May 9, at which Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Oscar Handlin will be the featured speaker. Handlin, a professor at Harvard University, is the author of many books, including Boston's Immigrants, which was awarded the Dunning Prize of the American Historical Association, and The Uprooted, a classic study of the American immigration experience. The program also includes U.S. Representative James M. Shannon and Richard Stanton, North Atlantic Regional Director of the National Park Service. The forum, free and open to the public, begins at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anne's Episcopal Church on Merrimack Street in Lowell.

The Lowell Conference On Industrial History is sponsored by the University of Lowell, Lowell National Historical Park, and the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission. Thursday, May 8, there will be a special presentation on Lowell, Massachusetts, one of the most important industrial cities in U.S. history and the site of a new national park being developed in a unique urban setting amid the red brick mills, canals, and multi-ethnic heritage of Lowell.

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